#  St Columba’s Church, Selsdon

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**11 MAY 2025 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C**

**TODAY'S MASS READINGS** There will be a second collection for the Priests Training Fund.

**Entrance Antiphon:** The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43b-52

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**Second Reading:** Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

**Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia

**Gospel:** John 10:27-30

**Communion Antiphon:** The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

**THIS WEEK’S MASSES**

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| **Date** | **Mass** | **Time** | **Intention** |
| Sun 11 May | **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life* | 6pm (Sat) | Sienna Coates |
| 9am | Mike Goodwin, RIP |
| 11am | Pro Populo |
| Mon 12 May | SS. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs | 10am | Thomas Hibberd |
| Tues 13 May | Our Lady of Fatima  | 10am | Sienna Coates |
| Wed 14 May | St. Matthias, Apostle | 10am | Mary Clerkin |
| Thurs 15 May | St. John Stone, Priest & Martyr | **No Mass** |  |
| Fri 16 May | St. Simon Stock, Priest | 10am | George & Elizabeth Hibberd, RIP |
| Sat 17 May | Eastertide Weekday | 10.30am12 noon | Priest`s IntentionFirst Communicants |
| Sun 18 May | **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER***Safeguarding Sunday* | 6pm9am11am | Mary Martin, RIPGeorge & Elizabeth Hibberd, RIPPro Populo |

* Weekday Masses are preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.40am
* Tuesday`s Mass is followed by Exposition & Benediction finishing at 11am
* Friday`s Mass is followed by the Rosary.
* There are devotions to Our Lady on Saturday morning at 10am.
* Confessions: on Saturday after the 10.30am Mass and from 5.30-5.45pm

**CELEBRATE OUR NEW POPE** Pray for Pope Leo XIV, American Robert Francis Prevost, a member of the Augustinian religious order born in Chicago and our 267th pope. Thanks be to God.

**MONEY MATTERS** May 3/4: basket £545.52 (Gift Aid £246.90), card machines £112.50 (Gift Aid £87.50). Repository: £106.99; Building Fund: £5. April standing orders: £2,987.67 (Gift Aid £2,950.67). Thank you for your generosity.

The second collection today will be for the Priests Training Fund which helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation for the clergy.

**FIRST COMMUNION DAY** That’s next Saturday (the 17th, Mass at noon). Please keep these children in your prayers.

**BIBLE STUDY** We continue with our study of the Acts of the Apostles in the hall on Wednesday at 10:30am.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNORS & DIRECTORS** Volunteers are needed to ensure a good standard of education in our diocese’s schools. If you are interested, please see the poster on the noticeboard.

**NEXT WEEKEND’S READERS, BIDDING PRAYERS WRITER & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** Readers – Saturday 6pm Richard, Sunday 9am Manfred, 11am Janice. Bidding Prayers: Michael. Eucharistic minister 9am Mass: Cathy

**COACH TRIP FOR A CELEBRATION!** Celebration - that’s the theme of a get-together for Southwark diocese at The Friars, Aylesford, on June 7. And you are invited. It will celebrate the 2025 global Jubilee Year of Hope and two anniversaries; 60 years of Southwark becoming an archdiocese and 175 years of Southwark being a diocese. Make a date in your diary now for a visit to Aylesford, bring a picnic and join the celebration. Holy Family Church, Sanderstead, are organising a coach for the day so you don’t have to drive: email sanderstead@rcaos.org.uk for details.

**MAUREEN COFFEY RIP** Pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen, 92, who died suddenly on Tuesday, and family.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

**WHAT’S ON THIS COMING WEEK** Monday 10.45-11.45am Keep Fit (Gill: 07787 824 592); Thursday 7-8pm (Sue: 07721 088 487); Friday 7-9.30pm Guides (Veronica: veronica.williamson@icloud.com).

**QUIZ NIGHT** It was very successful with a profit of £532. Special thanks to Clare for organising with Oonagh and to Alison, Jan & Phil T, also anyone else who lent a hand. Thanks also to our very own Bamber Gascoigne - Fr Julian.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY** It’s next Sunday (the 18th). Abp John says, ‘Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a responsibility. Each of us – clergy, volunteers, parents, parishioners – is called to remain vigilant, informed and committed to the well-being of every member of our community”. See www.rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25

**TEA & COFFEE MORNING** It will take place next Sunday after the 11am Mass. All are welcome.

**SUMMER FAYRE** Note the date: June 8 10am-1pm. Good quality bric’a’brac, jewellery, bottles, sweets and raffle and tombola prizes would be most welcome (also plants and cakes on the day). Leave in the box in the porch.

**SITUATION VACANT** The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children are looking for a full-time receptionist for their Kennington HQ. Salary is £26,000; the deadline for applications, May 23. Details: www.spuc.org.uk/joinourteam

**CELEBRATING MISSIONARIES OF HOPE** Missio red-box holders and the parish community as a whole are invited to a Mission Mass at 12 noon at St John the Baptist Church, Dale Rd, Purley, CR8 2EF on May 17. There will be a shared lunch after the Mass so bring a plate of food. Details: email redbox@missio.org.uk or ring 07593 544622.

**STATUE & RELICS** The national pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fàtima with the relics of SS Jacinta and Francisco, will be displayed at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on May 17-18 from 12 noon. Abp John will crown and bless the statue and celebrate Mass. For details visit www.rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/national-statues-of-our-lady-of-fatima-visiting-st-george-s

**CHRISTIAN AID SPONSORED WALK** It’s being held on June 21 from 10am-4pm starting at St Pauls United Reformed Church, South Croydon, and visit seven different churches. Details: visit [www.stpaulsurc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsurc.org.uk)

**FOOD BANK** Most urgent needs are: soup, tinned meat/pies/puddings, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned veg, pasta, tuna, porridge/oats and other cereals, toilet rolls, bleach and washing-up liquid. Place items in the boxes in the porch.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** It’s on June 28 with Abp John - a coach will leave Virgo Fidelis Church, Upper Norwood, at 7am. There will be extra transport to take the less able from the shrine to the abbey grounds. Price is £50 each plus £5 for admission to the abbey grounds. Sign up by May 10: email norwoodupper@rcaos.org.uk

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY** Alice Barclay, Maria Baretto, Rene Barrett, John Belli, Joan D`Souza, Vera de Souza, Eoin Egan, Bernardo Fernandes, Judy Freegard, Tony Melvin, Veronica Moor, Jill & Jim O`Donnell, Roselyn Ping, Pedrinha Ramos, Elida Scasso, Margit Symons, Kathy Thorpe and Sean Walsh. Also pray for family and friends of parishioners: Isobel Barbour, Margaret Bolton, Ann Brennan, Michael Medhurst, Christopher Onyeachom, Jonathan Raki, Kathleen Sampson, Michael Skinner, Pat Taylor, David Wallace, Linda & Michael Watson.

**SAFEGUARDING** Our four Parish Safeguarding Reps are: Gill Tomei email: selsdonsg1@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Richard Mills E: selsdonsg3@safeguardrcaos.org.uk Clare Morgado E: selsdonsg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk and Patsy McFarlane E: selsdonsg4@safeguardrcaos.org.uk You can also contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator on 020 7261 1606. If you need help, information or advice concerning possible safeguarding issues involving children or vulnerable adults, contact any of the above. Your concerns will be dealt with discreetly and efficiently. For more information about Safeguarding please see the posters in the porch and church hall.